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## "WELL GATHERED"



REG. SPARLING, custodian of the Victorian Police Soccer team, safely gathers a hard drive. The Police wear the colors of the famous Arsenal Club, and hope to eventually emulate that team's performances, and in their endeavours to do this most of their off-duty hours are spent at practice (as can be seen above).

# Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



A few weeks ago I mentioned in these columns that anyone wanting to see soccer at its best should attend the State Trial games at Olympic Park. I was unable to be present myself but from remarks passed in my presence by people who were able to attend I gather that the spectators were not disappointed.

Tomorrow will see the second of this series of Trial games, from which the State selectors confidently expect to pick a team to "whop" all comers. It is a pleasant thought to dwell on the prospect of the Victorian side returning from Sydney with the spoils of victory.

In the meantime, once again we can recommend our readers to turn up at Olympic Park on Sunday afternoon and see all that is finest and best in Victorian soccer playing together at one time. It is an opportunity also for our younger players to combine with players of a quality they have not played with before, and many a promising player has surprised both himself and the selectors at the form he has produced under these circumstances. It is not possible this week to review any of last week's games, as the Editorial has this week to be written a trifle early, but it is possible to say that at this stage all Leagues are in a very interesting position, and that at the half-way mark, it would indeed be a smart man who could forecast the winner of any section.

Those readers who were interested in our Special Correspondent's article in our May 6 issue on "Incidents," will not fail to be tickled at the following quote from Sydney "Truth" on the Leichhardt v. Auburn game last Saturday:— "Hungarian migrant, M. Vesovic, was again the best half-back on the ground, and he is learning the Australian style of soccer very fast. He has become more vigorous in his play and even argues with the referee when he thinks a decision has gone against him." Picking up Australian habits very quickly! It would seem that these Sydneysiders can take a joke against themselves. This Vesovic, by the way, is making quite a name for himself in Sydney, so it looks like Victoria's right-wing may have some solid opposition when they go north.

That Victoria is rapidly overhauling N.S.W. in more ways than one with regard to soccer is becoming increasingly apparent. The poor write-ups in the Sydney papers and the small amount of space devoted to the game is surprising, when one considers that there are many enclosed grounds and gates of several thousand are common. Victorian newspapers, by comparison, are beginning to regard soccer as a serious sport and as the growth of the game continues we can confidently expect more space. With the gates First Division clubs are drawing, it is time many of them gave serious thought to the question of enclosed grounds.

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Mr. Dixon,

Enclosed you will find some newspaper cuttings relating to the Football Association Final played at Wembley a week or so ago.

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I was at the match as the guest of Sir Stanley Rous, the secretary of the Football Association, with whom I hope to have a long talk when I get back to England again next month.

It may interest you to know that I managed to get some very good movies of the Cup Final, and when I get back to Australia next year, I look forward to showing them to you and your colleagues.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

GEOFFREY COHEN.

[The above letter was sent to "Soccer News" by the President of the V.A.S.F.A. He has enclosed a complete set of cuttings and photos from all the London papers of the Cup Final. We regret that these newspaper photos cannot be reproduced, but they can be seen by club members on request later. Mr. Cohen's movies of the Cup Final will be of great interest on his return, also. —Editor.]

### CLAIMS FOR WALK-OVERS

Club secretaries are hereby notified, that points are not automatically awarded for walk-overs against any team. A claim must first be lodged by the club claiming the points, and then the matter will receive consideration by the Association's Executive Committee.

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P. SEARLE, Competition Editor.

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### MATCHES PLAYED JUNE 3, 1950

### "SOCCER NEWS" COUPON No. 1

#### First Division

Home	Away
Sunshine v. South Yarra	
Footscray v. Hakoah	
Sandringham v. P. Rangers	
Box Hill v. Prahran	

#### Second Division

University v. Yarraville	
George Cross v. Juventus	

#### Third Division (North)

Coburg v. Fifers	
Geelong C. v. Inter. Harvesters	

#### Third Division (South)

Park Rangers v. Brighton	
Flinders v. JUST	
Victoria Police v. Moorabbin	

#### First Division Reserves

Prahran v. Box Hill	
Park Rangers v. Sandringham	

#### Second Division Reserves

Western Suburbs v. Sth. Melb.	
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To mark Coupon, place Fig. 1 in column provided to denote home team WIN. Fig. 2 to denote AWAY team WIN. Letter X to denote a DRAWN game.

I have read and agree to "Soccer News" Conditions of Entry, and accept their decision as final in all matters pertaining to same.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write in Block Letters)

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

**Directions to Grounds.** — All clubs are hereby notified of the following ruling made by the League Management Committee on Thursday, May 18, 1950:—

"All Home clubs are directed to inform their opponents and the Referees Association of exact directions to their grounds each week not later than the Wednesday preceding date of match."

The above ruling will apply to every club playing in the Senior League competition.

S. BEATON, Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

**International Harvesters.**—Mr. Taylor has resigned as secretary and the new secretary is Mr. J. Burns, 53 Fyans Street, South Geelong, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.



## VISION NEEDED

By ALEC JARVIS

With the advent of the compulsory 2.45 p.m. kick-off for Senior games, outer-suburban clubs which have Junior teams will be affected most, as this will involve earlier commencement of Under 19 and Under 16 games.

For instance, an Under 19 team from, say, Ringwood, going to Sunshine, would have to leave home about 11.30 a.m., complete their game by 2.40 p.m. and arrive home about 4.45 p.m., making about a 5 hours' trip. No wonder clubs have difficulty in finding managers or coaches to concentrate on Junior teams. Most of us, naturally, also want to see the Senior teams play as often as possible. Where we have both Senior and Junior Associations, any suggestions which would affect both organisations should be carefully analyzed before being put into practice. I understand that the Management Committee which decided on this action is not concerned with its effect on Junior games, yet it is comprised mostly of representatives of clubs which probably all run Junior grade teams.

Many Senior clubs have some distance to travel to their away games (apart from Yallourn and Geelong) and with the present expansion of the game continuing, it will not be long before the V.A.S.F.A. will have to consider:—

1. A subdivision of the one Association into two on a geographic basis, each body, however, being self-governed but affiliated to the Council of the State Association.
2. The zoning of Divisions and Clubs north and south of the yarra as may be most convenient, but still remaining under the control of one Association.

**Propagation of the Game.**—The promotion and propagation of soccer in Victoria can best be exploited through schools, youth clubs, etc., by encouraging boys of 12 to 14 years to play our code. Some clubs are doing a good job in their district, but others (some in the First Division) have no Juniors at all.

The Propaganda Committee of the V.A.S.F.A. should be vitally interested in the promotion of the game (particularly junior teams), but appears content to leave this job to the Junior Association. This is where the V.A.S.F.A. made a mistake in allowing the Junior Association to be formed and separately controlled, and the Council has left the V.J.A.S.F.A. to its own devices. Efficiency of Junior and Senior management could have been obtained by formation of a Junior Committee with the Council or Management Committee retaining control of all matters affecting each body being so arranged to prevent overlapping.

In conclusion, I am not criticising the work the executive of the Junior Association is doing, but consider that they should have more co-operation from the Senior Association.

## ATTENTION, ALL SCOTS

[Frank McGarry, of the Geelong Celtic Club, writes to say that he is desirous of forming a Glasgow Celtic Supporters' Club. Would all who are interested in this unique idea write to him at 15 Aberdeen Street, Geelong.—Editor.]

## KNOW YOUR CLUBS—9

### FIFERS

The Fifers came into being in 1949, mainly through the efforts of R. Morgan senr. (the old Caledonians and Brunswick goalkeeper), and Jock Beveridge. Actually they are a break-away from an organisation called the Fifeshire Association of Victoria. This organisation was approached by some of its members to give the younger element some form of recreation, namely, soccer, but the parent body thought that a soccer team would be a financial liability instead of an asset, so the break-away occurred.

With card parties, house parties and dances mainly to raise funds, the Fifers were born at the home of Mrs. Morgan, of Fairfield. Their first season in the Third Division saw them finish third, which wasn't bad going, and this season with the addition of a Reserve team, they hope to do even better. In year come they hope to be one of the big noises in soccer in Victoria.

The officials this season are mainly the same as last, Mr. J. Curran being president and Mr. S. Agnew secretary, but with a new treasurer (Mr. C. Brown) who is very go-ahead. For those who don't know, the Fifers are mainly composed of people from Fifeshire in Scotland, one notable example being Andy Herd, former Scottish International, coach to the Victorian team against the Yugo-Slavs last season, and State selector this season.

This year's team comprises some good boys, the goalkeeper (George McFarlane), with Northcote last season, has been selected for State Trials. The centre-half (Paul Finn), an Irish boy, considered by the Fifers to be in the same class as Tom Jack, and in the forward line C. Beveridge, inside-right, who one day will play for Victoria. The centre-forward is Len Chapple, a new boy from England, with a similar style to Dave Stoddard, and the left-wing pair, who have been together for nearly two seasons (Harry Morgan and Sam Agnew), who when on form together, take some beating. One man who will be considered an asset to the Fifers this season is right-half, captain and coach (Jack McLean), a new arrival from Home. He comes from the home of Fitba, in Fife, and played a lot on the famous Wolves ground at Wolverhampton. What he doesn't know about soccer isn't worth knowing. Remember the name Fifers; you will hear more of them.

Next Week: MORELAND.

## GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

By HARRY BAYLEY

Once again it seems to be necessary to answer the article this time by Minor, in the May 13 issue of "Soccer News." I pointed out in my previous article in reply to Mr. Findlay, that before competition can be definitely entertained in Gippsland, proper organisation should first commence in the various clubs, and it was mainly due to such lack of organisation that the old but small Gippsland League fizzled out. Please let it be understood that I am not detracting one iota from the efforts of Mr. Minor (who seems to be the Pooh-Bah of the Maryvale Club) for the work he is doing. If rumor hath it correct, he is already encountering some difficulty with his team failing to appear for a friendly game. If such was the case it would appear that the thousands who have arrived from overseas, and by inference he assumes they all play soccer, are certainly not showing much enthusiasm for the game up to the present.

Probably the next few thousand will come up to scratch. The very few players amongst the migrants arriving at Yallourn are immediately given attention when they show some keenness, and it is our intention to encourage such players, but they must first be well organised. Mr. Minor will have his hands full with the organisation of his club, but I feel sure that we will get somewhere.

Meanwhile, Norman, keep going. We'll be with you when the time arrives.

—H.B.

# Pertinent Pars.

By P. SEARLE

What home team could not provide a soccer ball for the visitors the other week? There is no foundation in the rumor that an Aussie Rules ball was used.

## QUERY

Two prominent players have been noticed in the newspapers advertising cigarettes. Still amateurs?

## FINE FELLOW

The unbeaten Olympic Reserve team owe much to the astute coaching of O'icky Savis. Besides playing, Mick manages the team, and is highly regarded by everyone in the club.

## DEFINITELY WRONG

When a referee starts to argue with the spectators as he comes off the ground it must cast doubts as to his efficiency. This happened at a recent First Division game.

## YOU'VE GOT TO BE GOOD

Breaking into a bank will be easier for some players than making the Victorian team. Tipping quite a few changes despite last season's reputations.

## JUNIOR PLAYER TURNS REFEREE

Young Frankie Lee should be an asset to the Referees' Association as soon as he gains more experience. Frank is a product of the Junior body. We could do with more like him.

## VETERAN

Bob Morgan, goalkeeping star of the '30's, who was with Preston, is one of the stalwarts in the Fifers club. Bob, who must be nearing 50, has appeared in the Reserve team.

## REVIVAL?

Now is the time when a Victorian Soccer Old Boys' Association could do good work. What a fine job they did in the past for Schoolboys and Juniors!

## TRAINING FILMS

Over 400 witnessed Soccer Training Films at Russell Street H.Q. auditorium on May 15. Success of same may influence the Police club to put on another.

## SUPPORTERS

If your club's results do not appear in the "Sporting Globe," complain to the club until action is taken. With a 2.45 p.m. kick-off it's farcical that they should not be in in time.

## OUT OF ACTION

Joe Bambro, who sustained a fractured jaw in a game recently, is making good progress. Joe, inside-right with Sandringham, hopes to be able to play within a fortnight.

## HARD TO TOSS

South Melbourne United are jubilant over their recent victories. South are a hot tip and are at "odds on" to win the Second Division honors.

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# CLUB JOTTINGS

## PARK RANGERS v. BRIGHTON

This game, played at Albert Park, opened sensationally. A. Nelson (P.R.) had possession of the ball and was about to shoot when he was tackled by Shrubsole, who was injured in the leg and took no further part in the game. In spite of this loss, Brighton fought stubbornly and gave little away. After about half an hour of end-to-end play, Brighton scored. Shortly afterwards Forrest (P.R.) centred from the left wing and Gillis headed the equalising goal.

Mulcahy, Forrest and Ellis (penalty) scored in the second half to give Rangers a clear win. Both goalkeepers (Weight and Dickason) deserve credit for many excellent saves. They were well covered by firm defences, in which Goode (B.) and Peterson (P.R.) stood out. The Rangers' half-back line was more even than Brighton's, with Scott being, perhaps, the best of the six, although Howieson gave Barr little scope. It was to be expected that the Rangers' forwards would be more effective than Brighton's four, but the latter never gave up and often had the Rangers' defence in trouble. In conclusion, a good, well-fought game was witnessed.

The Under 14 team is doing splendidly this season, recording another victory (3-1) against Sunshine United. This gives them the remarkable goal average of 31-5, with 9 points of a possible 14.

Park Rangers' Third Division team were defeated by Olympic, 3-2, although they had a 2-1 lead until well past half-time. Lack of training?

## SOUTH YARRA

Played before a large crowd at Falkner Park, this game finished 3 all. It is remarkable for the fact that all goals were scored in the second half. Both sides played a hard and vigorous game, which was capably handled by the referee.

Yarra attacked, but the Box Hill goalie cleared in good style, and then the visitors took the advantage, but a hot shot from the Hill inside-left was saved by Reynolds, who was holding the Yarras' citadel with all his old vim. Play veered back and forth until half-time. Upon resumption Box Hill opened the scoring when McDonald netted the ball. Two minutes later Lott levelled the scores. The pace of the game was now increased, both sides striving hard to get the lead. Neil put the Hill in front again when he scored a great goal, but the lead was shortlived, for a few minutes afterwards Durham hit the crossbar with a ball that had the visitors' goalie well beaten, and from the rebound Miller netted and made the scores even. Then Sharman gave Yarra the lead, but two minutes before full time from a scrimmage in front of goal Neil levelled the scores again, and so the game finished 3-3.

## BRIGHTON

The Metters-Canterbury Soccer Club, of Sydney, N.S.W., has accepted an invitation by the Brighton Soccer Club, to be their guests over the King's Birthday week-end. Two games will be played between the two clubs as follows:-

Sunday, June 11.—Metters v. Brighton at Olympic Park, 2.45 p.m.

Monday, June 12.—Metters v. Brighton, at Hurlington Park, 2.45 p.m.

These games should be of particular interest to the many soccer supporters giving them an opportunity to compare the quality of the football played in N.S.W. and that of Victoria.

We are hoping for a particularly large crowd at these games. We are flattered to impress the N.S.W. chaps, not only from a club prestige point of view but rather to force upon them the conviction that soccer as played and administered in Victoria is little, if any, behind that of their own State.

In his first game with Brighton's First Division side, Reg Shrubsole, left-half had the misfortune to break his right leg a few inches above the ankle. The game was only a few minutes old when the accident occurred. Reg, recently out from England, had played two games with the Reserves, had greatly impressed, and was being given his chance with the First team.

Reg will be looked after during his enforced illness.



## FIFERS

Although we beat International Harvesters 6-0 last week, the performance was not altogether commendable. Our visitors could only field nine men, and under the circumstances played very well. It is indeed strange to find them so low in the League Table. We changed ends leading 5-0, and everyone expected a cricket score, but very bad finishing resulted in only one goal being added.

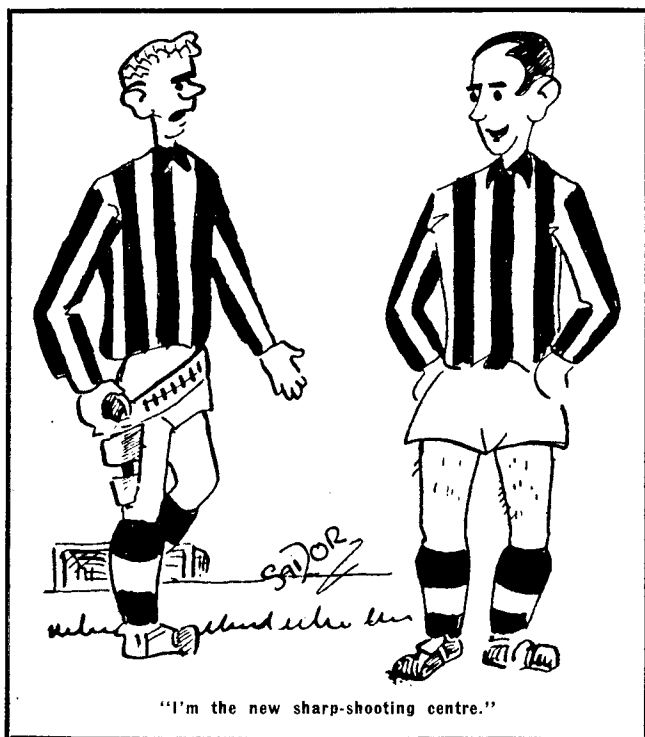
In our game against Royal Caledonians, their outside-left (Mawly) suffered a broken shin-bone after a hard tackle with Bill Bushard, Fifers' right-back. Bill has now received a letter from Caleys, stating their man is quite comfortable and cheerful and attaches no blame whatever to Bill. A very nice gesture on the part of Caleys to write, and we would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Harkness.

Training nights are in full swing, glamourised during the week by a visit from the "Argus" photographer, and "Soccer News" representative, which was followed up by an article on the club's foundation and present activities. With such a lead from the V.A.S.F.A., we, in common with all clubs, will do our utmost to keep soccer in the public eye.

## MORELAND

Moreland Reserves were downed by Hakoah Reserves, 4-2, in a hard fought game. An injury to Scates, full-back, early in the game didn't help Moreland. Newcomer, Voorens scored two goals, one from a penalty, bringing his total up to five in two games. Moreland selectors had their eyes on another newcomer (Mason), who played a fine game. Hakoah proved too strong in the first half and played well together. Other Moreland players under notice were Heald and Drake.

Moreland club is having a picnic match with the R.A.A.F. at Point Cook on Sunday, May 28, and will be fielding two teams. Players and members will be welcome. For particulars contact the secretary, Reg Parkhouse, or treasurer, Marshal Lock.



**BOX HILL**

Box Hill dropped a point to South Yarra at Yarra on Saturday last. The small ground had a lot to do with it, although Box Hill were combining well. The Yarra third-back defence held the Hillmen to a goalless first half, despite the fact that the Hillmen had most of the game. The second half was exciting when Box Hill scored first and Yarra equalised soon after, only to see Box Hill score again. But the Hillmen were shocked to see Yarra score two more goals and take the lead. Box Hill, after putting attack after attack, managed to equalise just before time.

The Hillmen and Yarra players got a shock when they returned to the dressing-rooms to find that money had been stolen from players' clothing. Yarra committee should see that locks are provided to lock these rooms, or a man posted to watch over them while the game is in progress. Box Hill Reserves Under 14 won, 3-2, 1-0 respectively, but the Thirds Under 19 and 16 lost.

Box Hill are holding a dance to aid their Tasmanian tour at Box Hill Town Hall on Saturday, May 27. A good band will be playing, so let's have a record turnout.

**SANDRINGHAM CITY**

Congratulations, Prahran: you certainly gave us a lesson in straight-ahead football, but we think Ashworth saved you. He is in good form.

City's injured list is still growing. Ken Farrow is now on the side-line with an injured leg, as also is Jock Anderson.

The Social Committee has finalised the itinerary for King's Birthday weekend, when we will have our visitors, the Woonona Bulli (N.S.W.) Soccer Club.

Saturday morning, June 10, both teams will be tendered a civic reception by the Mayor of Sandringham, at night a club social, on the Sunday a trip to Won-

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thaggi by both teams, when we will play an exhibition game. Monday morning a Cooks tour of Melbourne suburbs, in the afternoon the main match as the feature attraction for the Junior carnival at our ground, at night a great smoke night. Tuesday, farewell.

We are still looking for billets for the visitors. If any club supporter can help us out, please contact D. Bingham at 80 Sandringham Road, Sandringham.

The Junior section of the club are hard at it selling football doubles and should make a few pounds out of same; also watch out for our big raffle—there will be prizes galore.

Joe Bambro has been passed as fit by the Alfred Hospital and should be back in harness before long. Good work, Joe.

We are looking forward to today's game against our neighbors (Brighton), and can assure the large crowd expected that they will see soccer at its best.

### COBURG

A large attendance witnessed one of the most exciting games in Third Division soccer. White Eagles, undefeated so far this season, got a shock when Coburg swung into it in earnest. A ding-dong battle ensued from start to finish, and both teams were well exhausted when the final whistle blew.

The Eagles scored within 15 minutes of play (2 goals), then Coburg rallied and scored 1 goal shortly afterwards. A foul in the penalty area gave Coburg the second goal. The game was very fast and both teams used their weight to best advantage. During the game several players had to be assisted off the ground, but resumed after treatment. I think this was due to the rough condition of the ground. I can't blame anyone in particular for this as, no doubt, they have to play wherever they can get a reserve.

The referee kept the game well under control and by his agility and quick decisions, left no room for arguments. Final score, 2-2 (draw).

The Schoolboys were defeated, 1-0, by Box Hill. The Hill boys can thank their goalkeeper; he put up a remarkable performance and saved them from defeat. The Coburg Under 19 were defeated, 2-1, by Juventus. No report of this match to hand. Best players were: Seniors—Mick Lyons, Lou McDonald; Schoolboys—Huckvil, Evans, Hastley.

### JUVENTUS

Juventus teams brought off a treble on Saturday, when the Senior team defeated University by 5-2. The Second Division Reserves also won against University by 3-1.

The most exciting game, however, was the Juniors' match, which resulted in a 2-1 victory for Juventus over Coburg. The latter match was an exciting, even game, with Juventus trailing 1-0 at half-time. On resumption of play, inside-right, Sardi, scored first goal, which was immediately followed by a goal from Juventus centre-half, Campanna, from a scrimmage in front. Best players for the home team were Bevilaqua and Campanna.

Juventus Seniors had a comfortable win against University per medium of better disposal and smarter work in front of goal.

The Reserves also won comfortably at Princes Park, and were never in danger of losing, although University kept plugging away till the final whistle.

To Rino Fontana and Rino Carollo, who were both wed last Sunday, Juventus players and committee would like to extend their best wishes and congratulations.

Mention would also like to be made to the trip we had to Koo-wee-rup on May 6, when our Reserve team played a combined Italian team and won 3-1 after a very evenly fought match. We would like to thank the good people up there who made our trip such an outstanding success, and we hope to be able to repay their kindness in a return match in Melbourne.

**GEORGE CROSS, 0; PRESTON, 1**

It was a pity that such an even game should have been decided in Preston's favor by a penalty. Still, there was little doubt about the decision, a defender parrying a shot for goal with his hand. The game, a constant alternation of near misses and heroic goalkeeping, was fast and robust. George Cross, sure-footed throughout, positioned themselves well, but they lacked the speed and ball control noticeable on the Preston left-wing.

Half-way through the second half came the penalty with which Bracewell gave Preston victory. This seemed to dishearten the home team, for they never looked like equalising. Preston, having several chances to increase their lead, exhibited deplorable marksmanship. The worst offender in this respect was Spencer, who from five yards out, just missed the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

**PRESTON**

It is a strange paradox that, in losing 2-3 to Yallourn, Preston turned on the best exhibition of football yet seen at Zwar Park. Yallourn, however, just had that little extra precision in team-work needed to clinch the issue.

Among the crowd of 300 watching the game were some ardent supporters of the old Preston club, 'way back in the 20's. A well-known figure in Victorian soccer commented that Jim Smith, Preston's tricky twinkle-toed outside-left, was the find of the season.

Yallourn's defence was outstanding and deserves credit for absorbing Wilson's shock tactics and limiting him to one goal. Preston's other goal came direct from a free kick twenty-five yards from goal. Bracewell drove the ball unerringly into the corner of the net.

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## *Save our Native Fauna No. 5*

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Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



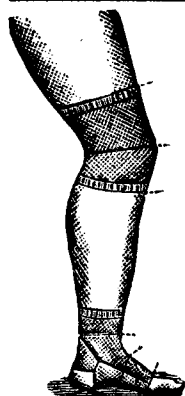
Sir,—Allow me space in your valuable paper to voice concern of many soccer enthusiasts at the distorted reports in some of the press nearly every week. Mr. Wilshaw's description of how Sunshine got the first goal in the match at Box Hill on 13/5/50 was like a gangster story. He reported: "Hunter knocked Gravel to the ground over the goal line and was still standing over him while the ball came from the left, to Thompson, outside-right for Sunshine, to score." What I saw from behind the goal posts and allowing for the one eye I have, was Gravel went out to fist a ball while Hunter (9 stone) went up to head the ball and they collided. Gravel, who is a lot heavier, was off balance and went to the ground and a full 4 yards out of his goal, and the referee only a few yards from the incident and about four of Box Hill defenders in the goal-mouth. Gravel did not have to receive any attention and was diving all over the goal a few minutes afterwards. The effect of these reports on the newcomers to the game make it an unhill battle for those trying to put the game ahead. So let's report the finer points of the game. The bias press will soon pick up any report that is detrimental to the game. Thank goodness we have the "Soccer News."—Yours, etc, BILL BOWMAN.

Sir,—Allow me to congratulate the State selectors on their selection of the teams for the First Trial game. The football was excellent; in my opinion it was the best exhibition I have seen for many years. On this showing we can have every confidence in the team selected to represent Victoria. I don't envy the selectors their task in finalising the side. Personally, I would advise clubs to encourage all players, Juniors especially, to attend future Trials, for much can be learned by careful observation. Thanking the players for a good afternoon's entertainment.—Yours, etc., J. FINNEY.

Sir,—I am writing this letter to you seeking your assistance in connection with arrangements for social matches, particularly Sunday games.

Here, at R.A.A.F. Station, Point Cook, we have an enthusiastic team of soccer football players, and all the facilities for playing, but no one to play against. We would very much appreciate any arrangements which could be made for friendly games with teams from your Association.

Interested parties can contact me at Point Cook, phone MW 3381, Extn. 120 after hours, Extn. 63), or Cpl. Cox on telephone switchboard.—Yours, etc., V. D. EPHGRAVE, F/Lt.



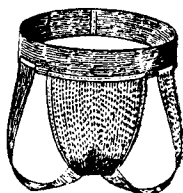
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## JUNIOR SECTION

### POINTS DEDUCTED THROUGH PLAYING INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

The Executive Committee of the Junior Association at its last meeting resolved that both Sunshine United and Western Suburbs Under 14 teams lose all points won in all games that all or any of the players participated in during this current season:—K. Horsfield, N. Naismith and N. Fagan (Sunshine United); C. Wood (Western Suburbs).

This action followed investigations into these boys' ages from the school rolls, where these boys attend, and a check of their registrations of season 1949 compared with those signed for this season.

Both these clubs have appealed against the Executive Committee's decision, and both the appeals will be heard on June 5 at the next meeting of the Junior Association.

### NEXT MEETING OF JUNIOR ASSOCIATION

Clubs who failed to have delegates at the last general meeting of the Junior Association, were Hakoah, Yallourn, Metters, Moorabbin, Army Apprentices, Highett National Fitness, Bentleigh, and Yarraville.

The next general meeting is to be held on Monday, June 5, at 8 p.m. at the Temperance Hall (Savoy Theatre Buildings), Russell Street, Melbourne.

### SCHOOLBOY TEAM TO VISIT NEW SOUTH WALES

Victoria has decided to send a State Under 14 Schoolboy team to Sydney in July, should New South Wales decide to organise the 1950 Schoolboys' Soccer Carnival in their State. Victoria has also requested that the Carnival be allotted to Melbourne in 1951.

### YALLOURN DROPS ITS FIRST PREMIERSHIP POINT

Sunshine United's victory over Hakoah in the "A" Section of the Under 19 Division last Saturday, placed them in second position, only one point behind the leaders, South Yarra. South Yarra retained its leading position with a 3—1 win against Box Hill, who before last Saturday shared second position with Sunshine. Main game in this Section today will be between Brighton and Sunshine United.

The leading team in the "B" Section of this Division, Yallourn, dropped its first point for the season on Saturday, in a thrilling match against Preston, which resulted in a 2—2 draw. Yallourn are still four clear points in front, however, but Preston improved its position on the ladder by moving from fourth to second. Coburg, which shared until last Saturday second place with Juventus, dropped to fourth, through their close defeat, 2—1 by Juventus. Juventus are now equal second with Preston, with the latter team ahead on goal average. Main match in this Section today will be that between South Melbourne United and Coburg.

### NORTHCOTE AND BRIGHTON STILL ON TOP

In the Under 16 Division, Northcote and Brighton are still fighting for the leadership. Both teams are level on points, with the former still ahead on goal average. South Melbourne United still occupy third place, but are four points behind the leaders. The game of the day in this Division will be between Sandringham City and Brighton.

### INTERESTING STAGE REACHED IN SCHOOLBOY GRADE

Due to the deletion of points for both Western Suburbs and Sunshine United, the Under 14 Division has reached an interesting stage. Three teams, Park Rangers, Box Hill and South Melbourne United "A", now occupy top position with 11 points each. Park Rangers, however, have a much better goal average than the other two. Sandringham City and Coburg closely follow the three leaders, these teams being only one point behind the leaders. The most interesting games in this division today will be the local derby between Park Rangers and South Melbourne "A," and that of Coburg and Sandringham City.

### SCHOOL COACH REQUIRED

Richmond Technical School has applied to the Junior Association for assistance to obtain a coach for their school soccer team. Prahran club has been asked to assist them, if possible.

## LEARN FROM VICTORIA'S STARS

### 9—TEAMWORK, by Bob McFeeters

A team's policy is usually laid down by the manager after careful consultation with the captain, care being taken to find a style of play suitable to the material available, and not to adapt a policy that would necessitate the altering of a player's natural style. To put the cart before the horse would be sheer folly.

I do not intend to expound the relative theory of the different styles of play in use at the present time, but no matter what type of play is decided upon they all have the most important point in common, inasmuch that it takes the entire eleven players to make it a success.

The best type of material that an amateur club could wish for is eleven players of average ability, ready and willing to do their utmost in every game. Star players are of little team value to the ordinary club; their individual efforts, though very competent and pleasing to the eye, are quite often more of a drawback than an asset to the smooth working of a team. Moreover, the forward line is usually obliged to come to a standstill while he holds the stage.

In Schoolboy and Junior football especially a young player gifted with the art of ball control is quite often tempted to overdo the dribble, and not being properly matured, finds himself after an otherwise clever and spectacular run too exhausted to finish off with a hard drive. All wasted effort, which could have been put to better use, simply by bringing a team-mate into operation with him. Two players of average ability can go much farther and do more damage than the soloist. It is worth while to remember that the ball is made round to go round; do not defeat its purpose. Simplicity is the key to fast, profitable football; to trap the ball, draw an opponent, then an accurate slip, or push-pass directed just in front of a colleague, so as to allow him to "run on" to the ball, instead of having to double back and retrieve it, which is quite often the case, will pay a much better dividend. Five-a-side tournaments are invaluable for teaching young players the full meaning and value of positional play.

Quite often an otherwise good eleven find themselves, through no fault of the players to be unevenly balanced; that is, they are stronger down one side than the other. For obvious reason, every effort must be made to get back on an even keel. Not only does the working side get overplayed, but it makes the job of the opposing side very much easier.

Full-backs in Junior teams could lay the foundation for an attack more often than they do, after dispossessing the attacking forwards of the ball, do not indulge in haphazard "belting" of the ball down field; rather try to find one of your half-backs with a good ground pass. The chances of having the ball "belted" back are greatly reduced.

The next time you pull the club's colors over your head, realise that you have become part of a team whose success depends entirely upon your unselfish and wholehearted co-operation. Above all else, have the heart to try, it being better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all.

[Bob McFeeters is Captain/Coach of the successful Box Hill team, and all Junior teams are recommended to study his article closely. Chief among his representative honors is being picked for an Australian XI v. Jugo-Slavia last season.]

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### JUNIORS PLAYING IN SENIOR TEAMS

Club secretaries are reminded that a Junior player must sign a Senior registration form upon playing his fourth game with his Senior team.

### FINES FOR FAILING TO SEND TEAM-CARDS

Club secretaries of home teams are reminded that the penalty for failing to send team-cards into the Association Secretary within 24 hours after the termination of the game (Sundays excepted), is 2/6 for each offence.

### BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

In future all Under 14 players, upon being registered with a club, shall produce a birth certificate to his club secretary. This will be taken as official notification to all clubs.

## League Tables as at May 20, 1950

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
<b>First Division</b>							
Sunshine United	9	7	0	2	24	12	14
Sandringham City	9	5	2	2	19	16	12
South Yarra	9	4	3	2	18	14	11
Box Hill	7	4	2	1	25	13	10
Brighton	9	4	2	3	24	18	10
Prahran	9	5	0	4	22	21	10
Park Rangers	9	3	0	6	15	15	6
Footscray City	8	2	1	5	14	24	5
Moreland	9	1	3	5	14	26	5
Hakoah	8	1	1	7	12	28	3

<b>Second Division</b>							
South Melbourne	9	8	0	1	36	13	16
Yallourn	8	6	1	1	32	17	13
Juventus	9	5	2	2	29	14	12
Preston	9	6	0	3	34	18	12
West Suburbs	8	5	0	3	28	18	10
George Cross	6	3	0	3	6	7	6
Yarraville	8	2	1	5	10	45	5
Melb. University	7	2	0	5	14	26	4
Ringwood	9	2	0	7	21	38	4
Heidelberg	9	0	0	9	9	45	0

Western Suburbs v George Cross, 22/4/50,  
2 points awarded to Western Suburbs.

<b>Third Division (North)</b>							
Elfers	9	8	0	1	36	13	16
White Eagles	7	7	0	0	45	7	14
Coburg	8	5	0	3	22	19	10
Williamstown	9	5	0	4	16	25	10
Geelong Celtic	7	4	1	2	22	16	9
Melbourne Rangers	7	3	0	4	19	24	6
Woodlands	9	3	0	6	28	42	6
Inter. Harvesters	7	1	1	5	13	22	3
Royal Caledonians	7	1	0	6	16	25	2
South Yarra	6	0	0	6	2	24	0

No results received: White Eagles v Coburg;  
Melbourne Rangers v Geelong Celtic.

<b>Third Division (South)</b>							
JUST	8	6	2	0	38	4	14
F.N.D.	7	6	1	0	42	4	13
Vic. Police	8	5	0	3	24	13	10
Olympic	6	5	0	1	19	11	10
Moorabbin	8	3	2	3	25	15	8
Box Hill	7	2	0	5	11	30	4
Park Rangers	8	2	0	6	21	32	4
Brighton	8	1	1	6	17	49	3
Bentleigh	8	1	0	7	11	49	2

Macedonians' fixtures deleted from League Tables.

<b>First Division Reserves</b>							
Park Rangers	9	7	1	1	34	13	15
Sandringham City	9	6	1	2	19	10	13
Brighton	9	5	2	2	25	17	12
South Yarra	9	5	1	3	24	20	11
Box Hill	8	5	0	3	22	16	10
Prahran	9	4	1	4	20	14	9
Sunshine	9	3	3	3	22	20	8
Hakoah	8	3	0	5	14	23	6
Moreland	9	1	1	7	19	35	3
Footscray City	9	0	0	9	9	45	0

<b>Second Division Reserves</b>							
Yallourn	8	8	0	0	59	5	16
Juventus	9	7	0	2	42	19	14
Preston	9	6	1	2	24	15	13
South Melbourne	9	5	1	3	37	11	11
West Suburbs	8	5	0	3	38	21	10
Melb. University	7	3	0	4	23	24	6
George Cross	5	2	0	3	10	10	4
Heidelberg	9	2	0	7	9	63	4
Pingwood	9	1	0	8	0	32	2
Yarraville	7	0	0	7	4	44	0

<b>Third Division Reserves</b>							
Olympic	4	3	0	1	26	3	6
Williamstown	3	3	0	0	17	4	6
Woodlands	5	3	0	2	14	15	6
Elfers	4	1	0	3	1	26	2
Coburg	2	0	0	2	4	9	0
Moorabbin	3	0	0	3	0	15	0

## Junior Amateur League Tables as at May 20, 1950

<b>Under 19 "A" Section</b>							
South Yarra	8	7	0	1	23	9	14
Sunshine United	8	6	1	1	26	6	13
Box Hill	8	5	1	2	16	7	11
Brighton	7	5	0	2	27	8	10
Army Apprentices	7	3	1	3	9	24	7
Sandringham City	8	2	1	5	12	23	5
Park Rangers	8	1	0	7	7	38	2
Hakoah	8	0	0	8	0	5	0

<b>Under 14 Division</b>							
Park Rangers	8	5	1	2	32	5	11
Box Hill	8	5	1	2	16	5	11
Sth. Melb. United "A"	9	5	1	3	29	11	11
Sandringham City	8	4	2	2	12	11	10
Coburg	9	5	0	4	21	22	10
Western Suburbs	8	8	0	0	29	4	8
Preston	9	3	1	5	23	31	7
Brighton	9	2	2	5	15	25	6
Bentleigh	9	2	1	6	10	20	5
Sth. Melb. United "B"	9	2	1	6	7	23	5
Sunshine United	9	5	2	2	28	10	4
Highest N.F.	9	0	0	9	4	59	0

<b>Under 19 "B" Section</b>							
Yallourn	9	8	1	0	24	4	17
Preston	9	6	1	2	28	8	13
Juventus	9	6	1	2	25	17	13
Coburg	9	5	1	3	19	13	11
Sth. Melb. United	9	5	0	4	25	11	10
Ringwood	9	4	0	5	13	16	8
Meters	9	2	2	5	17	28	4
Yarraville	8	1	3	4	8	11	9
Moorabbin	9	2	1	6	17	33	4
Northcote	8	0	0	8	7	42	0

<b>Under 16 Division</b>							
Northcote	9	8	0	1	23	4	16
Brighton	9	8	0	1	25	8	16
Sth. Melb. United	9	5	2	2	22	10	12
Sandringham City	9	5	0	4	16	20	10
Box Hill	9	4	1	4	20	9	9
Park Rangers	8	4	0	4	11	12	8
Preston	9	2	1	6	5	13	5
Ringwood	7	2	0	5	12	21	4
South Yarra	9	2	0	7	8	27	4
Sunshine United	8	1	0	7	2	20	2

Sunshine United and Western Suburbs in the Under 14 Division have each had 8 points deducted for playing ineligible players. A check is still to be made from the Team Card in which Sunshine United played Sandringham City on April 8, and if found that Sunshine United played ineligible players in this match, which was a drawn game, a further point will be deducted.

NOTE.—Under 19: Preston awarded points against Yarraville in match listed for May 6. Under 16: Preston awarded points against Park Rangers in match listed for May 13. Ringwood v Park Rangers match not played on May 20.